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Applicant(s): Kuniaki Takahashi et al

Invention: MOTION VECTOR CONVERSION METHOD AND CONVERSION APPARATUS

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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For: MOTION VECTOR CONVERSION METHOD
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.143

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the restriction requirement made in the Office Action mailed on July 12, 2004. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the following remarks are courteously requested.

The Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby provisionally elects, with traverse, the invention of the alleged Species I having claims 1 and 4. Applicant reserves the right to file the features of the remaining alleged species within a divisional application.

For the reasons provided hereinbelow, the restriction requirement made within the Office Action mailed on July 12, 2004 is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action identifies individual species based upon claims and not on embodiments. But according to M.P.E.P. §806.04(e), "species are always the specifically different embodiments." Please note M.P.E.P. §806.04(e) further provides that:

Claims are definitions of inventions. Claims are never species. Claims may be restricted to a single disclosed embodiment (i.e., a single species, and thus be designated a specific species claim), or a claim may include two or more of the disclosed embodiments within the breadth and scope of definition (and thus be designated a generic or genus claim).

Furthermore, "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." M.P.E.P. §803.

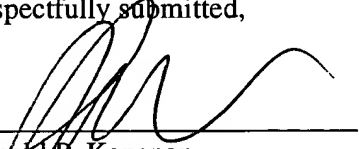
At least for the reasons provided hereinabove, the restriction requirement made within the Office Action of July 12, 2004 is deemed improper. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement and the rejoinder of the remaining species, along with the full examination and issuance of all claims, is respectfully requested.

An early Action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

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